Western Carolina University, Cullowhee - Online Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management

Western Carolina University offers an online Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management (EDM), as well as a residential Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management. For the online program applicants must have an Associates Degree at a community college or completion of General Education coursework. New students are accepted into the program in for January and August enrollments. In the online program each course is 8 weeks long, with two sessions per semester. Students can take a maximum of two courses per session.

The EDM program has exciting opportunities in the residential and online program, including an online Student Center, a virtual emergency exercise, group discussions and guest speakers. Service opportunities are available. For students seeking employment with the federal, state, county or local government, consulting or an exciting positions in businesses continuity and emergency management, this would be an excellent major.

The degree consists of 120 semester hours, including:

• 42 credit hours of Liberal Studies courses
• 27 credit hours of EDM core courses
• 21 credit hours of EDM and other approved, upper-division electives

Additional Information: http://www.wcu.edu/5699.asp

Tentative List of course offerings:

COM 400: Crisis Communication/Public Relations

EDM 250: Introduction to Emergency Management

EDM 300: Research Methods

EDM 322: Social Dimensions of Disaster

EDM 324: Emergency Planning

EDM 326: Risk Assessment & Vulnerability Analysis

EDM 335: Principles of Hazard Mitigation

EDM 340: Political & Policy Basis for Emergency Management

EDM 351: Resource Management

EDM 435: Homeland Security

EDM 440: Disaster Research Methods

EDM 441: Senior Research Project

EDM 448: Exercise Design & Evaluation

EDM 452: Legal Issues in Emergency Management

EDM 457: Terrorism

EDM 460: Case Studies in Emergency Management

PSC 303: State & Local Government

PSC 304: Public Administration

Western Carolina University is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Core Capabilities

Community Resilience

Cybersecurity

Economic Recovery

Fire Management and Suppression

Forensics and Attribution

Long-term Vulnerability Reduction

Mass Search and Rescue Operations

Operational Coordination

Planning

Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment

Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities

Screening, Search, and Detection

Threats and Hazards Identification

Core Competencies

Community Engagement

Disaster Risk Management

Geographic Literacy

Leadership

Possess Critical Thinking

Sociocultural Literacy

Systems Literacy

Technological Literacy

Value Continual Learning

Internship is optional

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